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The Secretary of State's Department of Police, founded in 1919, is the oldest statewide law enforcement agency in Illinois. The department, which started with 25 officers, now has 173 investigators to handle the additional responsibilities given it over the years.

DUTIES: The department protects the interests of the public in many ways:

- Enforces the motor vehicle laws and the Secretary of State's rules and regulations on vehicles;
- Inspects scrap processors, motor vehicle dealers and rebuilders to assure compliance with laws and rules;
- Inspects salvage vehicles to ensure that they are not rebuilt with stolen parts; and
- Provides law enforcement in the Capitol complex in Springfield.

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ORGANIZATION: The department has six units: four districts with uniformed officers, the Auto Theft section, and the Command Center. The department also provides investigators for the Department of Internal Affairs, which investigates allegations of employee corruption in the Secretary of State's office.

The Auto Theft section conducts cooperative investigations with other police departments in and outside Illinois to stop auto theft. Investigators recovered more than $1 million worth of stolen parts and vehicles in 1982.

The Command Center works closely with local police agencies, providing training and information on law charges. The training section has held classes for more than 2,000 police officers to familiarize them with the 1982 D.U.I. law and other Illinois Vehicle Code changes.

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INVESTIGATORS: There are currently 173 investigators in the Department of Police. They start as Investigator-Trainees. Selection is based on merit. The employment process requires successful completion of a written entrance exam, a fitness test, a medical examination, at least two interviews and an extensive background investigation.

TRAINING: During the six-month probationary period, recruits participate in an intensive four-month training period involving both classroom and practical experiences. Promotions and salary increases are awarded solely on the merits of the individual investigator.

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must meet certain requirements:

- United States citizen
- High school or G.E.D. graduate
- 21 years old at time of employment
- Possess a valid Illinois drivers license
- Adequate height-to-weight proportion
- Vision corrected to 20/20
- No color blindness
- Possess all extremities

Applications may be obtained from the Secretary of State Department of Personnel or any office of the Department of Police.

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